

Revitalization Committee notes from January 10, 2013 meeting

Keith Thompson attended meeting to address what could be done with vacant lots with in the business district.

Copy of Town Code referencing refuse on vacant lots and on the responsibility of owners or lessees for maintaining vacant lots.

Items discussed by group:

- A.
 - 1.) Vacant lots shall be free of debris and fences in good repair.
 - 2.) Board aspires to turn identified lots on Blair and Greene streets into pocket parks.
(corner of 12th and Blair, 3 lots along 1200 Blair Street, and corners of 12 and Greene and 13th and Greene)
(Parks would include a seating area, planters and interpretive signs, use of historic photos.)
 - 3.) Bob will call property owners followed up by letters requesting use of their lots, included within letter will be a copy of the code #s 14-1-5 and 6.
 - 4.) Keith recommends property owners with debris on their lots be given tickets with a fine, rather than ticket with court date.
- B.
 - 1.) Boarded up buildings. Board recommends that the plywood or other type of exterior covers on windows be eliminated.
 - 2.) Interior of windows, No "raw" materials, (insulation or raw wood). Recommends advertising of their summer hours, curtains, merchandise, photos.....
 - 3.) Suggest offering a prize for best window display, one for seasonal business and one for year round business.
 - 4.) Prize suggestion, free business licenses for each winner.
- C. Street Lighting:
 - 1.) Bob has been in contact with Steinburg, they are working on development of fixtures and establishing cost.
 - 2.) Bob has also been in contact with a second company.
- D.
 - 1.) Suggest appointment of Fritz Klinke to fill board opening.

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 24, 2013 AT 4:30 PM AT TOWN HALL

Agenda:

- 1.) Sidewalks
- 2.) Trash cans
- 3.) Landscaping the spaces between curb and sidewalk along Greene Street.
- 4.) Hiring summer interns to landscape the spaces mentioned above and possibly pocket parks as well.